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Denise D. Micheletti Named Director of Central Virginia Training Center

Richmond—James S. Reinhard, M.D., Commissioner, announced today that he has hired Denise D. Micheletti, MSA, RN, as director of Central Virginia Training Center in Lynchburg. Dr. Reinhard said, “Ms. Micheletti is a proven health care executive with over twenty years of experience in healthcare administration and clinical nursing. Her expertise and management skills will be an asset for continuing the high quality care of the residents.”

Since October, 2001, Ms. Micheletti has been the facility director of “The Communities at Oakwood, Developmental Center, a 380 bed, long-term intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation in Somerset, Kentucky. The facility has a staff of 1200 and a budget of \$42 million. Services include medical, nursing, habilitation training, physical therapy, occupational therapy and residential services. Ms. Micheletti has an extensive record of management in residential facilities and treatment services for persons with developmental disabilities. From 2000-2001, she worked as Health Services Coordinator, for **PSCH** (Professional Services for the Handicapped), in Queens, New York. While there she coordinated health services for over 200 people in various treatment settings and residential services, including group homes and supervised apartments. She supervised nursing, therapies, clinical nutrition and food services. She has worked as a management consultant with Liberty Healthcare Corporation in Pennsylvania and Muscatatuck Center in Butlerville, Indiana. From 1989-1997 she served as Chief Executive Officer of Woodbine Developmental Center in Woodbine, New Jersey. Within 6 years after taking over as CEO she took the Woodbine facility from threatened decertification of licensing to zero citations at its 1997 Medicaid review.

Ms. Micheletti’s record of top management responsibilities and accomplishments include instituting major cost controls and accountability in the facilities and programs she managed, improving programs and services by focusing on community integration and supported employment programs for people with developmental disabilities, maintaining quality of care as evidenced by compliance with certification and licensing requirements, and most importantly ensuring active treatment and community involvement for the people served by the facilities and programs. She has expertise in strategic planning and is known for her abilities to work with and listen to both staff and family members in developing long-range strategies that emphasize a holistic approach to client care.

She holds a Master’s Degree of Science in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University (1992), and a Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Health Care Administration from Stockton State College in Pomona, New Jersey. Her Nursing Degree is from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is a Licensed Registered Nurse and a current member of the Association for Public Developmental Disabilities Administrators Association. She served as the chairperson of the New Jersey Board of the American Association of Mental Retardation from 1993-1995.

Assistant Commissioner for Facility Management, Gerald E. Deans, said, “Ms. Micheletti is exactly the kind of person we look for in a facility director. She is a strong administrator who employs the most recent management theory and evidence-based clinical practices to improve client care and to provide maximum opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities to be integrated into community settings. In addition, she will work directly with the management team and staff of the facility to motivate them to be the best that they can be. I look forward to working with her and learning from her.”

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